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## Cassis leads fight to keep Groveland State Police post open

State Sen. Nancy Cassis today was instrumental in securing Senate approval for legislation keeping the Groveland Township State Police post open. Cassis was a driving force behind discharging House Bill 4307 from committee and obtaining its swift passage on the senate floor, ensuring no loss of law enforcement coverage in the affected areas.

“Police protection is a core function of state government,” said Cassis, R-Novi. “The decision to close this post was without adequate study or review and threatened the safety of Groveland and Rose township residents. That could not be allowed to stand.”

HB 4307 restores funding for the Groveland post and also those in Iron River and Grand Haven. Earlier this year, the posts were slated for closure by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Cassis objected to this decision, noting that because so much of the property in the respective townships is state-owned, there is little tax base to support law enforcement.

Rose Township Supervisor Chester Koop said Cassis was indispensable in the matter.

“She’s been a supporter of this whole process from the beginning,” he said. “She’s done a yeoman’s job on this and I appreciate the effort she put into it. Without her, this would never have gotten off the ground. I just appreciate her effort and her service to her constituents in northern Oakland County.” Groveland Supervisor Robert DePalma agreed.

The measure now goes to Gov. Jennifer Granholm for her signature.

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